

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Serial No. 10/656,177
Sughrue Ref: Q76971

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document has been received at the Patent Office.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed on September 8, 2003, thus indicating that all of the references listed thereon have been considered.

Drawings:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed with the present application have been approved.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-4 for a number of informalities. Applicant has amended the claims as shown in the previous section to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant submits that the claims are clear, and that all of the Examiner's concerns have been addressed. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the above objection of the claims.

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Applicant acknowledges that not all of the changes proposed by the Examiner have been made. However, Applicant submits that the changes that have been made address all of the Examiner's concerns.

Further, Applicant notes that the above referenced claim amendments have been made to merely clarify the claimed invention and are not intended to narrow the original scope or spirit of the claims in any way.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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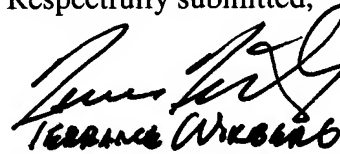
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